[4th September 1928

Irrigation

Reduction of assessment on second crop in Anantapur district.

* 103 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered Mr. Rutherford's view —vide page 74 of Legislative Council Proceedings, dated 13th March 1928— that the second crop charge under spring channels in the Anantapur district should be reduced to a flat rate and that they should be classed as "precarious sources"; and

(*b*) if so, what action they propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government considered the report of the Board of Revenue on the subject (which report is laid on the table) [a] and in agreement thereto decided not to take action in the direction suggested.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"With reference to the appendix, which admits as it does that it is not possible to fix exactly appropriate rate of faslijasti without exhaustive enquiries in several districts, may I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether he is prepared to get an enquiry made so far as the Anantapur district is concerned as a typical case?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not agree with the premise, and therefore do not accept the suggestion."

Assistance to ryots for the execution of kudimaramat works.

* 104 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to paragraph 2 (A) of G.O. Mis. No. 2463, Revenue, dated 30th November 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps the Government have taken to let people know of their readiness to help them in cases where, owing to long continued neglect, for many years past during which period the Revenue Officers have omitted to enforce the work of repair by customary labour, the work involves considerable labour and expense;

(*b*) whether applications have been received in any individual cases;

(*c*) whether any amount has been set apart for this purpose; and

(*d*) whether any help has been rendered in this direction since 13th March 1928?

A.—(*a*) The Government Order on the subject has been issued as an instruction to all Revenue and Public Works Department officers and the Board's Standing Order on the subject will be amended in due course.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) No case has been so far reported for the orders of Government.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 223 infra.